(Prices Control) Order, 1995, (DPCO, 1995) the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) fixes/revises prices of the drugs listed in its First Schedule and formulations based thereon. In case, there is any violation of the approved/notified price of a Scheduled formulation, action is taken under the provisions of the DPCO, 1995. This is a continuous exercise.

The NPPA, since its inception has fixed/revised the prices of 184 bulk drugs including the derivatives drugs. Out of these, in case of 115, the prices were revised downwards. Similarly, NPPA has fixed/ revised the prices of 2658 formulation packs since its inception and out of these, in case of 1469 formulation packs, the prices were revised downwardly.

Bulk drugs under price control

881. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 500 commonly used bulk drugs;

(b) if so, the number and names out of them which are under the price control of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);

(c) whether Government propose to bring more number of commonly used bulk drugs under the price control of NPPA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and when this will be done?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) and the formulations based thereon are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO, 1995.

(c) No decision has been taken to bring more bulk drugs under price control.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c), as above.